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SUMMARY. BANNER HEADLINES DECLARE EGYPT WILL PRESENT THREE PLANS AT CAMP DAVID COVERING (A) DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES, (B) MEANS OF EFFECTING PRINCIPLES, AND (C) WHO SHALL HAVE RESPONSIBILITY OF CARRYING THESE OUT. "OFFICIAL SOURCE" DECLARES CAMP DAVID'S MAJOR AIM IS TO ACHIEVE SUCH A DECLARATION. BEGIN'S OPPOSITION TO U.S. PUTTING FORWARD PROPOSALS HIGHLIGHTED. BOUTROS GHALI REJECTS ALL ATTEMPTS FOR A PARTIAL OR BILATERAL SOLUTION. COMMENTING ON U.S. ROLE, EDITORIALS CALL FOR DECISIVE UNCLASSIFIED

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STAND AT CAMP DAVID. END SUMMARY.

1. AHRAM AUGUST 21 DECLARES EGYPT WILL PRESENT THREE INTEGRATED PLANS AT CAMP DAVID: (A) DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES FOR COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT; (B) MEANS OF CARRYING OUT PRINCIPLES; (C) DEFINITION OF THE AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING PRINCIPLES. "OFFICIAL

SOURCE" QUOTED AS SAYING DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES IS CAMP DAVID'S PRIMARY GOAL.

- 2. ACCORDING PRESS, PRINCIPLES WILL INCLUDE: (A) ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ARAB TERRITORIES, (B) TRANSITIONAL STAGE IN THE WEST BANK AND GAZA, (C) PALESTINIAN SELF-DETERMINATION, (D) NATURE OF PEACE, AND (E) SECURITY GUARANTEES.
- 2. BEGIN. GUMHURIYYA CARRIES RED BANNER HEADLINES DECLARING "BEGIN ATTACKS AMERICA," QUOTING THE ISRAELI LEADER AS EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO PRESENTATION OF AN AMERICAN PEACE PROPOSAL SINCE THE U.S. IS NOT A PARTY TO THE CONFLICT. (MINSTATE BOUTROS GHALI IN APPARENT ANSWER TO RECENT BEGIN STATEMENTS, REITERATED THAT EGYPT IS SEEKING COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT AND WILL REJECT ALL ATTEMPTS AT PARTIAL OR BILATERAL SOLUTION.) AUGUST 21 ROSE AL YUSSUF MAGAZINE URGES BEGIN TO BE REALISTIC; HE CANNOT HAVE BOTH LAND AND PEACE; CAMP DAVID MAY BE HIS LAST CHANCE. ENGLISH LANGUAGE GAZETTE, PREVIOUS DAY, AGAIN DEPICTED BEGIN AS CREATING OBSTACLES TO PEACE, SAYING PLAN FOR "PERMANENT PARTIAL SETTLEMENT" IS EFFORT TO SIDETRACK CAMP DAVID.
- 3. SADAT TRAVELS. PRESS REPORTS SADAT WILL MEET WITH A NUMBER OF CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS AT THE CONCLU-UNCLASSIFIED

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SION OF CAMP DAVID, WHICH PRESS REPORTS AMERICAN CIRCLES SAY WILL LAST UNTIL SEPTEMBER 12.

4. U.S. ROLE. AUGUST 20 AHRAM COMMENTARY SAYS PRESIDENT CARTER RECENTLY STATED THAT HE CANNOT GUARANTEE IN AD-VANCE THAT CAMP DAVID WILL LEAD TO A SETTLEMENT OR AGREEMENT THAT WILL OPEN THE WAY TO A PEACEFUL SETTLE-MENT, AND THAT FAILURE OF THE CONFERENCE WOULD EXPOSE HIM TO POLITICAL RISKS FOR WHICH HE COULD NOT ABSOLVE HIMSELF OF RESPONSIBILITY. AHRAM SAYS PURPOSE OF THIS STATEMENT COULD BE TO LOWER THE HIGHLY OPTIMISTIC LEVEL OF EXPECTATIONS, TO STRESS TO ALL THE GRAVE CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE, AND TO PROMPT EGYPT AND ISRAEL TO SHOW GREATER FLEXIBILITY, OR ELSE PRESIDENT CARTER WOULD HAVE TO WASH HIS HANDS OF THE PROBLEM COMPLETELY, WHICH JEOPARDIZES HIS POSITION AT HOME JUST BEFORE CONGRES-SIONAL ELECTIONS. PAPER ARGUES U.S. WILL HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE AT CAMP DAVID IF ISRAEL FAILS TO G CHANGE ITS ATTITUDE, EXCEPT TO DECLARE PUBLICLY WHICH PARTY BEARS RESPONSIBILITY FOR UNDERMINING PEACE. GUM-HURIYYA, SAME DAY, CALLS CAMP DAVID A "TEST" OF AMERICA'S ABILITY TO DEAL WITH ISRAEL. AUGUST 21 GUMHURIYYA

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CLUDING MILITARY ASSISTANCE.	EILTS

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